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Sports in new light

The Red Hawks Nordic ski team member Corin Gervais works on his form during a training session on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at Glebe Park in Haliburton. Gervais is happy about being able to compete for the Red Hawks despite the cancellation of COSSA and OFSAA championships.
/DARREN LUM Staff

Cobourg and Lindsay vaccination clinics close this week

SUE TIFFIN
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from a Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health

unit press conference held Feb. 16 with medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking, and press releases distributed by the health unit.

Two of the region's largest mass immunization clinics – located at the Lindsay Exhibition and Cobourg Community

Centre – will close before the end of the month.

Clinics in Fenelon Falls and Minden will continue to run once a week until March 24. In-house clinics will also open at the health unit's office locations in Port Hope and Lindsay and vaccinations will

continue to be available at community pharmacies and through health-care providers.

"As of today, 85.8 per cent of people within the [HKPRD] have been vaccinated with their first dose and 82.4 per cent have received their second dose."

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See artists' perspectives

Rails End Gallery curator Laurie Jones shows off one of her personal favorite submissions to the POV exhibit, happening now at the gallery until April 2. The piece by Vicki Sisson, titled 'We Can Be Heroes', includes a lyric from the song *Heroes* by David Bowie /NICK BERNARD Staff



Right, works that are part of the POV exhibit reflect different interpretations of the theme by various artists. Submitted works include sculptures, glasswork, textiles, photographs, and traditional paintings. While many pieces focused on landscapes, people, and animals, there were a number of political comments offered as well.



Visitors to the Rails End Gallery's exhibit on Point of View can vote on their favorite work of art. The POV exhibits runs until April 2.



Walk-in appointments available

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cent with their second dose," Bocking said. "Our booster dose coverage for people aged 18 years and older has also topped 60 per cent."

Walk-ins for first, second and booster doses are now available from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for anyone aged five and older at health unit COVID-19 vaccination clinics. Both mRNA COVID-19 vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna) are available. As of 8 a.m. on Feb. 18, Ontario is expanding booster dose eligibility to youth aged 12 to 17. Appointments will be booked for approximately six months (168 days) after a second dose. To be eligible for a booster dose or a fourth dose (if eligible), at least 84 days must have passed since your most recent shot.

Indication of decreasing transmission of COVID-19

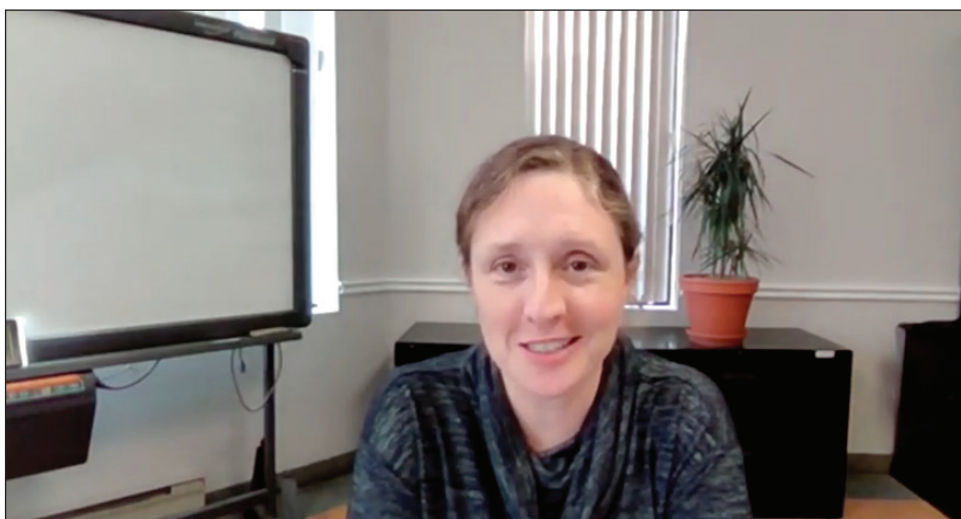
Bocking said the health unit was continuing to see an improvement across indicators in terms of decreasing transmission of COVID-19 across all three regions of the health unit's jurisdiction.

There's been a decrease in the daily number of lab-confirmed cases among those eligible to receive them, and the number of outbreaks at the time of the briefing was eight, with two of those being long-term care residences, the others at hospitals and correctional centres. Test positivity is still the same, around 10 per cent, and was continuing to come down slightly.

Bocking said there had been a significant decline in viral signal in the sewershed in Cobourg, and the Lindsay area sewershed did show a slight increase last week but was not to the levels it previously was during the height of Omicron wave.

"While we're not at a level that we were prior to this Omicron wave, we're certainly in a much better position than we were several weeks ago and I think we're continuing to see those indicators improve and trending in the right direction," Bocking said.

In the past week, Bocking said there had been three new hospitalizations, with a total of 62 hospital admissions related to COVID-19 recorded since Jan. 1. ICU admissions have remained the same, and no new deaths were reported last week, with 23 being recorded since



Dr. Natalie Bocking, medical officer of health for Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District health unit gave an update to media on COVID-19 testing, vaccination and public health measures on Feb. 16 in her weekly virtual briefing./Screenshot

Jan. 1. (One death was later reported on Feb. 17, the first since five deaths were reported on Feb. 8).

Booster dose numbers

Regarding booster doses, Bocking said that among those aged 70 and older, 85.1 per cent of the population has received a booster dose, and among those aged 50 and older, 73 per cent have received their booster dose. Of those aged 18 and older, 60.2 per cent had received a booster.

For children aged five to 11, 47.6 per cent have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccination clinics – about 25 so far - planned at schools for children who have parental consent have started. Clinics planned at Stuart Baker Elementary School and Cardiff Elementary School last week were cancelled due to inclement weather. Bocking said some schools have as few as six children making use of the in-school clinics, while some schools have 16 children interested.

Cautiously reopening

Bocking said the government's plan for capacity limits to be lifted on Feb. 17, and then on March 1, was a "much

welcomed announcement" for many key businesses and employers across the region as well as families, community members and community organizations, "everyone looking forward to a time when we're less concerned about COVID."

"With that cautious optimism and knowing that some of the stricter measures or other measures are being eased, I would encourage people to be aware that COVID-19 is still present in the community," Bocking said. "We're certainly in a much better place than we were at the peak of Omicron, but we're not quite back at the level prior to Omicron at all."

Bocking said it was likely to see transmission of COVID-19, and that could increase with lifting of capacity limits, the key to that being that the health care system is able to accommodate it, she said. She encouraged people to be vaccinated, stay home if sick, and noted an "important continued role for mask use at this point in time in helping to prevent transmission of COVID-19," if in a space in which people can't distance from others.

"Please, don't, in your enthusiasm, throw out all of the measures that we know have helped to protect us and our community members and our loved ones for the last two years, continue the ones we know work well as we start to ease some of the others," she said.

Taking advocacy to long-term care minister

DARREN LUM

Editor

A local advocate for improving the conditions of long-term care homes in Ontario is feeling good after a protest in front of Ontario's Long-term Care Minister Paul Calandra's office, which garnered news coverage on Thursday, Feb. 10 in Stouffville.

Bonnie Roe, who is a member of the Long-term care Coalition for Haliburton – City of Kawartha Lakes, was one of six members of the Ontario Health Coalition Committee to speak at the protest where they hoped to see Calandra in-person.

She delivered the land acknowledgement and shared two stories: one from a personal support worker in the City of Kawartha Lakes (CKL), who talked about a veteran that likened his life in a long-term care facility as being worse than the war or like being in jail. The second one was by a family member from CKL, who was "beside herself remembering the loss of both of her parents to COVID." Both anecdotes were shared in 2020 by NDP leader Andrea Horwath at the legislature, which Roe witnessed virtually.

The motivation behind her passion to raise the concerns of long-term care staff and the residents (and their families) comes from how there is a lack of a voice for the elderly.

"It's almost like there is no spokesperson for the long-term care crisis when you're in the middle of a huge crisis and it's in many long term care homes. It's not getting any better. There are still a lot of deaths even with vaccinations, isolation, lack of PPE," she said. "So, we said, let's see if we can communicate with either of them."

She was referencing Calandra, but also past long-term care minister Rod Phillips, who's resignation was not known, as there wasn't an official announcement until recently.

Roe said before the protest she made repeated attempts to contact the minister by phone, but there was no response.

"The huge thing is that seniors, or our elders are respected and receive quality care and that's key and that is something I'm hoping this new long-term care minister will change," she said.

They plan to pursue an in-person future meeting with Calandra.

"We still hope to. We're going to be back. We left a letter because like I said they weren't in the office and we didn't have an appointment because they didn't get back to me, but we're going to pursue it and see if he will meet with us because we want to see that we are very grounded and that there are certain new policy or protocols he could put in place and I know he has many, many groups to probably listen to, but we're just a small group and, if we can make a difference that's why we did the protest," she said.

She said they may not have been able to meet Calandra in-person (he was not there), but they were able to deliver their message through news outlets Global TV and Omni Television.

"It's short and sweet, but [their news segments] shows everything. Global did a good job of covering it," she said, referencing the recorded speeches at the protest and footage from within a long-term care facility.

The coalition is asking to improve long-term care by providing staff with PPE (N95 masks and shields), improve ventilation at facilities to improve air quality



Local advocate to improve long-term care Bonnie Roe, who stands at left, wearing a red headband, faces the speaker Julie Perl, as she shares her story about losing her mother, who died in long-term care after being isolated for six months during a protest in Stouffville to deliver a message to Ontario's Long-term Care Minister Paul Calandra recently. Photo by Maureen McDermott.

for staff, visitors and residents, offer paid sick leave, offer full time hours, improve pay to address staffing issues.

Although Roe is skeptical Calandra can be an effective long-term care minister, with how he is also the Minister of Legislative Affairs and the Government House Leader, she's, skeptically, hopeful.

"You would think our elders deserve a full-time minister of long-term care," she said. "I don't know how he's going to ever do it. But if his first out of the gate recommendation was to loosen the restrictions around isolation then I commend him and I just hope that he continues because with Rod Phillips we were seeing some small changes too. And then all of a sudden he resigned."

Calandra announced the easing of the health measures at long-term care facilities, which included permitting social trips and residents to be allowed to see more caregivers. This came a week after public health rules were eased.

With the coalition's #SOSinLTC, the protest highlighted the dire situation that faces long-term care in Ontario. Committee member MaryJo Nabuurs spoke to the requests for improved safety and working conditions for staff (as per the letter sent to MPP and LTC Minister Paul Calandra) and quality of care and safety for vulnerable residents, at a time when the province is loosening restrictions in communities.

"Let's turn the SOS and LTC in to JOYinLTC," Nabuurs said.

"And I think that was a beautiful ending to our protest yesterday," Roe said.

In Haliburton County, Roe was complimentary about how the area long-term care facilities were being managed.

"So our long-term care homes have been, I would say, very progressive and very sensitive to the needs of residents and you see that if you're on the Facebook page for Extendicare, referencing a recent themed night, with food and decorations. "I think we're very fortunate in Haliburton County with the quality of care that we have," she said.


"I think it's happening because we are a small community and I think the people who work in long-term care or geriatric care have to love working with seniors ... It is because the staff love what they do and love the residents and I guess management has made sure that there is adequate staffing and I really commend our local long-term care homes for that," she said.

Post-protest comments

Since the protest, long-term care minister Paul Calandra announced the provincial government was investing \$6.4 billion to build more than 30,000 net new beds by 2028 and 28,000 upgraded long-term care beds in the province. This includes a new building for Extendicare-Haliburton, who will add 68 new and 60 upgraded long-term care beds.

Roe recognized the irony of this announcement, following the protest she attended.

"We were advocating for the Ford government moving forward to only fund not-for-profit homes, ensure that residents, visitors and staff wear N95 masks and face shields, reinstate unannounced inspections and increase training and wages for staff. That being said, although Extendicare Haliburton is a for-profit long-term care facility, it has an incredible reputation in our community and our LTC Coalition commends management and staff for providing a very high quality of care to keep residents safe during the pandemic. We acknowledge it is one of the older homes that is long overdue for updates by 2025 and there is a huge shortage of LTC beds in our county," she wrote in a prepared statement. "Having had numerous discussions with MPP Laurie Scott about 'rethinking our broken LTC system', we believe this would have been a key opportunity for our government to have supported community consultations, looked at funding not-for-profit homes, adequately funding home care and gleaning from other countries who have built small, alternative, community models that are 'person-driven and feel like home for our elders.'"




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HHSS co-op series



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 12 student Michael Rogers works on installing a carburetor on a dirt bike during his co-op placement at the Harcourt Park Marina. The 17-year-old, who had signed a Registered Training Agreement with the Marina, gained skills and acquired hours last semester in his pursuit of becoming a licensed marine engine technician, as part of the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship program./DARREN LUM Staff

Making repairs, taking strides to dream career

Student driven by HHSS co-op placement

DARREN LUM

Editor

Crouched between an ATV and a dirt bike at Harcourt Park Marina, Michael Rogers is exactly where he wants to be and that's developing his skills and earning the hours towards his dream of becoming a mechanic.

The Grade 12 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student of Wilberforce has always loved tinkering with engines. It started when he was about five and then evolved, particularly when he got his first dirt bike at eight, a two-stroke YZ85.

Working on engines was part of a lineage he couldn't deny, with his grandfather and father both making a living under the hood of vehicles as mechanics.

"It runs through the family. [My dad] was always working on stuff and I'd always be out there and I got into it. Now I have my own stuff," he said, referring to his dirt bike, vehicles such as a car, truck, ATV and snowmobile.

Another factor was his affinity for the work and getting to work with his hands. There is also a level of pride that comes with completing a job on a vehicle, he said.

"When you actually fix something and you do it yourself. You're proud of it," he said.

The apprenticeship provides him hands-on learning, which is something he prefers to being in class.

Before he started his co-op he hadn't worked on cars because up until seven months ago he didn't have his driving licence. The work he has performed at the marina included repair work such as replacing parts, changing brakes installing exhaust systems. While doing this

work, with the variety of models he has worked on has meant encountering challenges and figuring out resolutions, first on his own and then checking with his boss.

With this apprenticeship, Michael is part-way through his three-year apprenticeship to earn a marine technician certificate, including four high school credits. The placement ended in January, so he has returned to school to get three academic credits: two English and one math.

Harcourt Park Marina co-owners and husband Ron Goessele and wife Ann Corrigan are happy about enabling Michael the chance to continue his development and to contribute to his career goal.

Goessele said providing this opportunity is as much to help Michael with his goals, as it is to strengthen the future of the trades industry in the Highlands.

"We're severely lacking in skilled trades, so anything I can do to help that out to help with the problem is a good thing. It's not just this end of the county. It's the whole county," he said. "I've been trying to hire an experienced licensed mechanic because I have other business interests as well and it's impossible. I've been trying for three years and you can't hire a mechanic. Basically, guys like me at my age [60] we're still in it going hard and we don't want to be."

He adds there is upwards of a three month waiting list for boat engine or body work in the Highlands. Michael's addition to the Harcourt business means he's actively helping fill some of the demand.

Trades such as the automotive mechanic world has professionals aging out, looking to retire like Goessele. This is the reality facing marinas throughout the Highlands, he added.

"We don't mind doing the work, the work that we can do. But after 40 years of being bent over, my back is not allowing me to do that stuff anymore, so I want to hire a guy," he said.

He said the variety of skills he has acquired over his four decades in the trade industry, whether it was in welding, body work, plastics factory work, engine repair, airplane building is something that has helped him and gave him the confidence to move up here from the city.

When he was ready to move out of Toronto with Ann to start a new life these trade skills enabled that transition to running a business in the country. Ann and Ron came to the area in 2003 to buy the Harcourt Park General Store and added the mechanic services.

Career paths, Goessele said, are not always linear and the trades affords options and opportunity.

"He might not stick with this trade, but if he gets this trade like I did it's a fallback. It's a fallback for me. I built airplanes at De Havilland [Aircraft of Canada] in Toronto. When I got away from that we bought this place and I had my trade licence for here. He might not do this for the rest of his life. He might become an automotive mechanic. He might be a heavy equipment mechanic. You never know. It could be he gets to work on machinery in a factory, but it's a good start for him and it's a fallback," he said.

His career path included being a marine mechanic before he worked for De Havilland, a well-known aircraft manufacturer.

The Harcourt Park Marine welcomes apprentices, who

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Hands-on approach to fulfilling a dream, meeting demand

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are ready to learn and work.

"As long as they're motivated. They gotta be motivated. If you're pushing the kid into it, then forget it. It's not going to happen. They got to want to work," Goessele said.

This is the third apprentice that the business has hosted. They're open to more students, whether it's young person who has finished secondary school or attending Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

The co-op placement at the Harcourt business is about empowering through independent work.

"You got to allow them to think on their own. If I have to watch over them, and micromanage, then I might as well as do the work myself," Goessele said.

It's this aspect that is part of the learning process, he said. To know when to work through a problem independently and when to ask someone for help, which he encourages when their student has exhausted all their options.

Take Michael, Corrigan said.

"Now Michael is able to work on his own, but he's really good at knowing when he might be out of his depth ... And that's a really important skill. That's a really important thing to know when you are [learning] ... it's all about everyone continuously learning."

The Grade 12 student returned for a second year of co-op to further his skill set in a place that was accepting and where he felt comfortable.

The idea to constantly be improving is an aspect that was integral to her husband's career path and is something that was part of the education for Michael.

"Michael has to have the same attitude. Like Ron doesn't know everything. He just knows how to get to answers. Right, that's why we have all manuals, all the computers, and all of those things. That's a really important part. The old ones, who we call beer bottle and hammer mechanics, you know, the ones that only [tinker] or think they know it all and really don't. Anybody that says they know everything is really boring as far as I'm concerned," Corrigan said.

She adds this applies to all industries.

Michael said having his apprenticeship a short drive from his Wilberforce home was a convenience not lost on him.

The development of career skills was just part of what was learned for Michael.

When he was younger Michael was quite shy and this experience over the two years he has been apprenticing (over two separate school years) has bolstered his confidence to deal with people.

"It's been an amazing experience. Learning all about stuff I didn't know before [such as] engines. Getting the interactions with people like storing 200 boats. You meet at least 150 people," he said.

The range of experiences, particularly the interactions wasn't something he expected, but it presented itself at the very start and he recognized the benefits.

Michael's time at the marina actually started before the placement when he worked for them in the spring, with unwrapping and delivering boats to customers.

Corrigan, who worked for close to 15 years in human resources at a large company in Toronto, said the customers all appreciate how the marina is hosting an apprentice.

The Grade 12 student encourages other students, who are interested in in-person and on the job training to apprentice.

"You don't learn anything like you learn here [when compared] to a class room," he said.

With his apprenticeship program, he'll leave high



Michael works on a carburetor from a dirt bike during his co-op placement at the Harcourt Park Marina. /DARREN LUM Staff

school and go to college for close to three months. He has yet to decide which one.

Michael said he may love what he does, but he also recognizes how his choice to pursue being a mechanic will help to fill the growing demand for trades.

"We need skilled trades. We're busy throughout the summer with boats constantly. I know the garage in Wilberforce – we own the junkyard in Harcourt they just bought it. They said we need a new shop because they're backed up by six weeks to fix the car," he said.

Knowing about this demand, he doesn't hesitate to endorse it as a viable career future for other young people, who are interested.

"If you're interested in it, try for it because they're always going to be there. They're always needed."

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Value in the eye of the beholder

WE NEVER truly understand the value of something until it's gone.

There's a well-known aphorism related to a person's gullibility, or a lack of intellect, by saying, "If you believe that, then I have swampland in Florida to sell you."

Conventionally, wetlands (or swampland in the U.S.) are not a selling feature for people interested in buying real estate. However this isn't matched by the value wetlands serve. As the protest in Haliburton on Gellert Road earlier this year reminded us of it's clear perception differs and the value placed on them is different, depending on who you talk to. While some through social media exhibited anger over the filling, others showed a disregard for the true complexity of this issue and the harm filling poses for not just a wetland by the road, but how it represented an attitude that needs to change.

It's not even a private property 'let me do with it as I please' versus 'let's save all wetlands' argument.

Yes, a Dysart et al site-alteration bylaw in place could have enabled bylaw enforcement officers to act instead of waiting for upper levels of government agencies to intervene. Heck, the Haliburton County shoreline preservation bylaw would've served the same function, if it had been passed. That's the issue now. There's not much hope for a consensus at this point at the county level, so Dysart et al considering their own is a good thing.

What the Haliburton scenario does though is it serves as a reminder of how a municipal bylaw can ensure action is taken sooner rather than later because it is in the public eye. Interestingly, close to the time of the Gellert Road incident there was another wetland that was being filled near Ele-

phant Lake that didn't make the headlines, which was brought up by Dysart et al's Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy at a regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 25.

With most bylaw infractions, it's complaint driven. No complaints and enforcement isn't likely unless observed in the act by a member of bylaw enforcement. Complaints raised concerns for the wetland at the centre of the maelstrom that set off discussion and calls for accountability.

It's clear with the social media posts and close to two dozen letters that were sent to Dysart et al council that people not only wanted action, but

expected immediate follow-up. Villianizing the property owner isn't the answer. It's a start for discussion.

The key to this is education. It's important the public learns that wetlands does more than provide a habitat for wildlife, but serves everyone, whether we're interested in the aesthetic of a natural setting, or protect the environment conducive to hunting and fishing, or feel good about

ensuring a special turtle with a backstory to match could take her winter slumber without threat, or ensure quality of our water isn't hampered further by filling in nature's water filter.

Much of what is good depends on the community. It goes beyond enforcement. Yes, a site-alteration bylaw is needed. However, any bylaw, or any law, really, is only as effective as the enforcement behind it. We've seen in Ottawa recently how laws are only as good as the enforcement behind it. With a growing year-round population, we can't rely on the municipality to do what we all need to do together, which is help conserve what we have ... even if at first glance it seems like it doesn't have value.



darren lum

Editorial



Sunset Head Lake Park

by Darren Lum

A hole in the lake

OWEN WASN'T sure he wanted to go out there. It was huge and empty and he didn't know what to expect. But he did know he never liked new experiences and this one filled him with dread. Marie had told him to go for it. Easy for her to say since she wasn't the one faced with the decision.

When Jim had invited Owen to join him for some ice fishing, Owen had stumbled over his words. How do you say no thanks when a friend is being thoughtful, even kind? Jim knew Owen had been stuck at home for months. The state of the world being as it was, Owen's fear meant he hardly ever left the property. Marie went into town for groceries so that was taken care of. And Jim dropped by for a visit sometimes. The two men would talk about what was happening all around them and sometimes it helped Owen to hear what Jim had to say. He could be pretty reassuring.

They both knew some friendships had been lost over the past year. Disagreements over what to do with a worldwide pandemic sweeping the globe. How to continue day-to-day life without a sense of panic, depression or anger. That was Owen's dilemma. Once he got a thought into his head, it was difficult to let it go. It would rumble around in his mind over and over again, like a song that never leaves. He had always been what his mother had called 'a worrier.'

But then, as Owen always said, there was so much in this world that could and often did, go wrong. Health, weather, daily news, driving the car, walking the dog: life was full of uncertainty and hidden dangers that lurked just out of sight. However Marie had helped him deal with his worries. She used logic and experience and it helped. A lot. Every time Owen took a chance and successfully tried something new, she noticed and praised his bravery.

So, with her encouragement, Owen had agreed to accompany Jim out to his ice hut in the middle of a big, white, frozen lake where the wind blew and snow swirled and, if anything should happen, there was no one around to help, and, if a blizzard suddenly blew in, they might not find their way back to the truck, and a really big muskie could pull a person down the fishing hole and, and ...

After parking the car, he and Jim had tramped through the snow and down to the lake. The freeze and thaw of winter had left the ice almost bare, so it was easy to walk out to the hut. Jim carried a small cooler with their

lunches and snacks while Owen had a huge thermos of coffee.

The first thing he noticed was the quiet. Perhaps because it was the middle of the week, there were no snowmobiles whining in the distance. Owen was surrounded by silence and it felt like a big soft blanket of reassurance. The sun was brilliant, sparkling off the snow and ice under a bluer-than-blue sky. Beneath that sky, the lake stretched out in all

directions, a white sheet with a ripple here and there where the wind had left its mark.

Yes, there was a breeze but it was gentle, coming from the south and reminding Owen the wind could be our friend, especially when it heralded spring's arrival. While not quite spring, the warmth of the sun on his face was unmistakable. The wind picked up tufts of snow and tossed them around like sugar

thrown into the air. He could feel himself relaxing, the tension in his body beginning to ease.

They never caught anything that day but they didn't really care. Sure it would have been nice to bring home supper but they didn't need any icing on the cake. It had been a great day and Owen couldn't believe how well it had all gone. He could hardly wait to do it again.

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points of view

Time traveler

AS A PROUD grandfather of two very young children, I have been spending a lot of time lately doing what grandfathers do – thinking of entertaining ways to mess around with my grand-kids once they are old enough to really communicate with. Thus far, my best idea is to convince them that grandpa is a time traveller from the future.

I know. You're probably thinking that sounds like a tall order. And you are right about that. Once the kids get older they will naturally start doubting the premise and begin asking tough questions. For instance, what's it like in the future? Heck, they might even want me to bring back an artifact from my time in order to prove my claims. Those are the standard things people ask time travellers, according to the guys on the time traveller chat group.

Here's the thing though. I have found the perfect way around this. I'm going to tell them that I am a time traveller from only two seconds in the future. I'll explain this is because I just have a learner's permit.

If you think about it, this is almost impossible to disprove. When they ask me to bring a bauble back from the future, I can just reach in my pocket and hand them lint or a hard candy. I can also set my watch two seconds ahead to support my claim. If they ask me to tell them what is going to happen two seconds in the future I will



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nod and reply, "What's going to happen?... Oh, never mind. It just did."

The best part is there will be no new technology to explain, and I can pretty well describe the world I come from as it is right now, only two seconds older. And, after they do anything, I can chuckle and say, "Yeah, I saw that coming."

If they want more details, I will be able to assure them that the future is better for many reasons. For instance, I will reveal that every time someone farts in the present, it will smell just a tiny bit less offensive two seconds from now. If they are like me when I was a kid, they'll get out stop-watches and test that theory out.

Also, when they ask why I am visiting the present, I will tell them I came back to prevent a horrible, cataclysmic chain of events from ever occurring.

Then, I will yell, "Freeze!" And when they do, I will say something like, "Fantastic, we have prevented the apocalypse. But, boy, that was close."

At other times, I will tell them I merely came back to correct a spelling mistake on a text message I just sent. Or I might tell them I did it to stop myself from tripping in the future.

Also, every time I leave the room, I will announce I am going back to the future for a little while. And, if I maintain a two second lead, they can never truly prove otherwise.

Of course, they will believe me less and less as they get older. But, if I continue the charade and never break character, they might one day have to concede that at least the old man thought this through. And they might even have doubts. Or at the very least second thoughts.



pic of the past

School picture day at Haliburton's Continuation School/High School in 1928. Major Campbell, from left at back, Kell Robertson, Evelyn Hudgins, Myrtle Roberts, Margaret Hutching, Bud Thayer, Max Archer, Alvin Keefer, Bob Yarnold and Jim Thompson. Don Dart, from left middle row, Mary Spears, Evelyn Austin, Marjorie McDonald, Noreen Austin, Ed Sanderson and Harry Ward. Roy Neville, from left at front, Ray Burke, Bill Austin, Bob Borden, Bill Deacon, Austin Snider and Nelson Harvey. Photo submitted by Kate Butler of the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

Don't forget about our economy

Dear Haliburton County Council and Echo Editor,

You have to be officially looking for work to be counted among the unemployed.

So as bad as these numbers are, it is likely they do not reflect the full story as many would have simply given up looking and therefore not be included in the data. This feature report which came to [Haliburton County] Council revealed that unemployment in the county is a whopping 30 per cent higher than the provincial average. Among the worst in Ontario! Just imagine how much worse this will become when cottagers pull back on projects that could employ some of these idle workers due to the hostile, repressive and costly nature of the proposed shoreline lockdown by-law, since cottagers are a key driver of local economic growth at all levels.

In my opinion given this disaster locally, council needs to do a local business damage assessment study on the impacts of employment, should the shoreline lockdown bylaw become law of the lakes. Given the current high unemployment,

failure to complete an independent third party review to examine this holistically, would be tantamount to malfeasance by council and staff.

The North Bay, Guelph and Bracebridge authors of the bylaw like to point out that the province targets 30 meters of shore protection. However these same so-called paid experts fail to disclose the fact the province also requires counties and municipalities to encourage economic and employment growth in the policies they implement. These growth and employment ideals are specified in more detail in the official Provincial Policy Statements known in the trade as PPS.

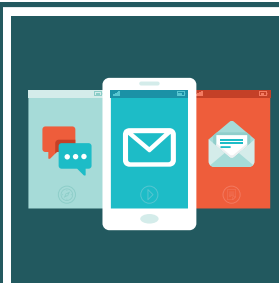
Ignore at your peril.

David Hopkins Howe
Minden Hills

Editor's note:

David Hopkins Howe references the "shoreline lockdown bylaw," but it is formally known as the shoreline preservation bylaw. The report the letter references is in the story High rates of poverty, unemployment pose challenges for Haliburton County in the Feb. 4 issue.

Letters to the Editor note: Submissions must not exceed 300 words, and are subject to editing for newspaper style and punctuation.



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Affordable housing development moves forward

DARREN LUM

Editor

Places for People is moving forward with planning for an affordable housing development since gaining Dysart et al's permission to temporarily consider Halbiem Crescent for access.

The not-for-profit, which has been working on this since it proposed the development in 2020, will be working on site-plan for a phased-approach on the 0.92 acre property for the proposed build, which was presented to the council at a meeting on Jan. 25.

This approach was welcomed by most of council in light of the complexity that has come out in the process that has been mired in delays.

"The positive thing on this phased-approach is to me it reduces some complexity and gets things moving. And I think it's critical that they have that access to Halbiem [Crescent]," Councillor Larry Clarke said. He added this development helps provide affordable housing in a community that needs it.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said council would still like the development where it comes out on and off of County Road 21 as an access, but this will be up to Haliburton County, who will have a traffic study completed later this year.

The main challenge in this process was the controversy surrounding Wallings Road and its suitability as an access for the development. With the Halbiem Crescent access granted by council, that frees up the development to proceed with its planning.

What started the confusion were differing results from two traffic studies: one commissioned by Haliburton County and one by Dysart et al. Back in 2017, the county's commissioned traffic study revealed Wallings Road was not suitable to handle high volume of traffic, noting challenges for passenger vehicles while turning left onto County Road 21, with the bridge at its opening. The exception was school buses, with its higher vantage point of view for drivers. Dysart et al. commissioned a subsequent traffic study of Halbiem Crescent, which disputed the county's claims.

Another issue (in addition to the opposition to the development from area residents, citing safety and environmental concerns) were the roles of the municipality and its staff in this process.

When council was acting as the proponent, which is the developer who submits an application, of the property it created a challenge for staff. Typically, staff gives information to a proponent, but when council was asking for advice for direction related to the Wallings Road property that was not possible, so there was confusion between the two

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— Places for People vice-president Fay Martin

groups related to who was leading who.

Now the property will be rezoned residential, so steps can be taken by Places for People to plan for the portion of it to be developed as part of the phased-approach plan for the development. As this is happening, council will be working through the road dispute to serve the area. The development is far from starting, as a site-plan is needed to be submitted for the 0.92 acre property.

Places for People vice-president Fay Martin said she welcomed this new status becoming the proponent of the property slated for the development in an interview after the meeting.

"It means that we can now proceed with doing community education because there's a lot of misinformation out there and just plain fear of change and I think we can do something to begin to allay that," she said. "At least begin to go out and start having conversations. Before we couldn't because we didn't own the land, right? We had no status, but now we'll have status."

Among the inaccuracies she cited is the waiving of the sewage hookup. She said this was never intended for all 48 units that were proposed earlier – this number has since been reduced, as a result of the two roads situation. The waiving was only for the affordable housing units, which is close to only a third of the units. The balance of the units at the development will be at market or above-market value.

The new roles will help everyone, Martin said.

"Now we're the ones who say this is what we want and need and they can say, well, here's the rules. And then yes, or no. Staff can say here are some rules. And then council says yes, or no, but we're the ones who are in charge of saying what we want to do, which means we then have to make our peace with the community. The council doesn't have to," Martin said.

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Red Hawks Nordic ski member Lily Manning completes a warm-up lap during training on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at Glebe Park in Haliburton.



Red Hawks Nordic ski team member Erika Hoare completes a warm-up lap before training on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at Glebe Park in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff

Red Hawks Nordic ski team back on track

Still hope for high school competition at Glebe Park in March

DARREN LUM

Editor

There won't be any chance of regional or provincial glory this season, but there's something more important for the Red Hawks Nordic ski team than medals and podiums ... It's a future to build upon.

The competitive season was pretty much over when the COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary Schools Association) and OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations) championships were cancelled recently as a result of rising COVID-19 cases raising concerns for transmission of the virus, and further delayed by the province's Return to Step Two of the Recovery to Reopen plan lasting 21 days.

With a six-year absence for the Nordic program, which included multiple all-provincial berths over its existence and its role in establishing a love of Nordic skiing, the team's coaches Mike Rieger and Karen Gervais were excited to help bring the Nordic program back in December. Despite the delays, co-coach Mike Rieger, who is coaching the team with Karen Gervais, said he welcomes the opportunity to have a season, which he believes will help in laying the foundation for the program's future beyond this year.

"I think it's just going to be nice to actually get some skiing in, regardless of what it looks like. Most of the other winter sports that got paused were able to run for

several weeks before Christmas and at least have a "season," he wrote in an email. "With the very late arrival of snow, the ski team only got to do a few dry land training sessions before extra-curriculars were paused. With the goal of bringing back Nordic skiing on a permanent basis, it's going to be really important to actually get out on the trails so that we can start building a foundation of practices, logistics and competition."

There were eight members to start the 2021-22 season, but that number has been reduced to six as a result of the uncertainty related to whether there was going to be a season, Rieger added.

The team is already training for this coming week's first meet at the LCS Nordic Invitational on Wednesday, Feb. 23 in Lakefield.

Grade 12 student Corin Gervais welcomed the opportunity to compete even if it's only for a series of exhibition meets, which won't lead to a championship.

He said competing and participating in extra-curricular activities, whether it was volleyball, basketball or cross-country has been helpful for him. The senior said this chance to compete is even more important because of how he will be graduating from the high school at the end of the year. Having skied since he was six, which includes competitive Nordic skiing with the 1129 Haliburton Army Cadets, he is happy to be able to participate in a sport he likes and represent the Red Hawks with his peers again. Gervais ran for the Hawks cross-country running team this autumn.

The high school was given the go-ahead like all schools in the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) and in the province a little more than a week ago.

In a letter sent by email on Feb. 10 addressed to parents of students in TLDSB it said, "In alignment with the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020 (ROA), schools will be allowed to resume high-contact sports and activities effective immediately."

This provincial decision regarding public health measures at publicly funded schools was made in "consultation with the Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health."

The letter continued by outlining masks must be worn by individuals on school premises, who are on the bench waiting to play a sport or an instrument for music, but can remove them while participating in activities such as in extra-curricular sports, high-contact/intensity activities, an indoor curriculum-based program, which can include health, phys ed and music.

Rieger said there may be another competition at Lakefield from March 4 to 6, but that has not been confirmed as of press time.

He said there is potential for a Nordic meet will be held in Haliburton.

"We're looking into potentially having a meet at Glebe in early March, but that is going to be based on the other team's interest and sorting out all of the logistics," he wrote.

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Haliburton County Huskies' forward Bryce Richardson works to break free from Caledon Admirals' defenceman Ray Hou during Ontario Junior Hockey League action on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The highlight of the night was the Michigan - when the player scores by picking up the puck with the stick like in lacrosse - scored by Huskies' forward Christian Stevens. The Huskies lost in overtime, losing 4-3 to the visiting Admirals. /DARREN LUM Staff

Admirals stun Huskies in overtime thriller

ALEX GALLACHER
Special to the Echo

Despite a late game charge from Haliburton County, the visiting Caledon Admirals stunned the hometown Huskies 4-3 after a thrilling overtime period. In a Tuesday night (Feb. 15) bout at the S.G Nesbitt Memorial Arena, the Huskies threw everything they could at the Admirals. In the end, a goal from Ethan Tierman sealed the deal giving Caledon their seventh win of the season.

After the first period went scoreless, the Huskies cemented themselves as the dominant squad, with its puck possession and scoring chances. Despite leading the Admirals in shots, the defense in front of visiting goaltender Diego D'Alessandro kept quality shots to a minimum.

The Admirals struck first in the second period, when Daniil Kononov managed to beat Christian Linton glove side at the 4:13 mark. The Huskies mounted an all-out assault, but nothing came of it except for a few loud reminders of fruitless scoring chances, as players hit both the crossbar and post a few times. At the 13:44 mark Ethan Finalson set up Blake Boudreau for a one-timer, the shot fooled Linton doubling the Admirals lead to 2-0. The final Caledon goal of the stanza, came a few second later. Dawson Doner beat Linton on a lucky shot which the Huskies goalie, leaving the home team frustrated.

Simon Rose got one back for the Huskies before the period ended. A shot from the point found its way in through traffic, Rose's third as a member of the Huskies. The teams headed back to the locker room with Caledon up by two, 3-1.

The third period was all Haliburton County. At 6:05, Peyton Schaly took the puck down the wing in a great

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Haliburton County Huskies Isaac Sooklal leans into a shot during Ontario Junior Hockey League action.

Fans left wanting

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individual effort. Cutting across the crease, he beat D'Alessandro to put the Huskies within one. Thirty seconds later, Christian Stevens made his case for goal of the year.

Back in the fall, Huskies' teammate-Oliver Tarr pulled off the Michigan in a game against North York. This time, it was Stevens' turn to pull off the visually captivating goal. Taking the puck behind the Caledon goal, Stevens pulled off a very clean Michigan goal to tie the game up 3-3 and send it to overtime.

During the overtime period, the Admirals had two good scoring chances. The

first chance was shut down by Linton, whereas the second chance was buried by Tierman to give the Admirals the victory.

It left the partisan crowd in Minden stunned and amazed. For the Admirals, it was pure elation as this team has pulled off similar upsets to both the Lindsay Muskies and St. Michael's Buzzers this season as well.

The Huskies departed for a two-game road trip in the Bay of Quinte, where they will face the Wellington Dukes and the Trenton Golden Hawks. The Haliburton County Huskies will return to the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on Saturday, Feb. 19 for a rematch against the Wellington Dukes. Puck drop will be at 7:30 p.m.



Haliburton County Huskies defenceman Jack Staniland, far right, attempts to corral the loose puck.



Haliburton County Huskies forward Lucas Stevenson watches the puck after a faceoff with a Caledon Admirals' player.

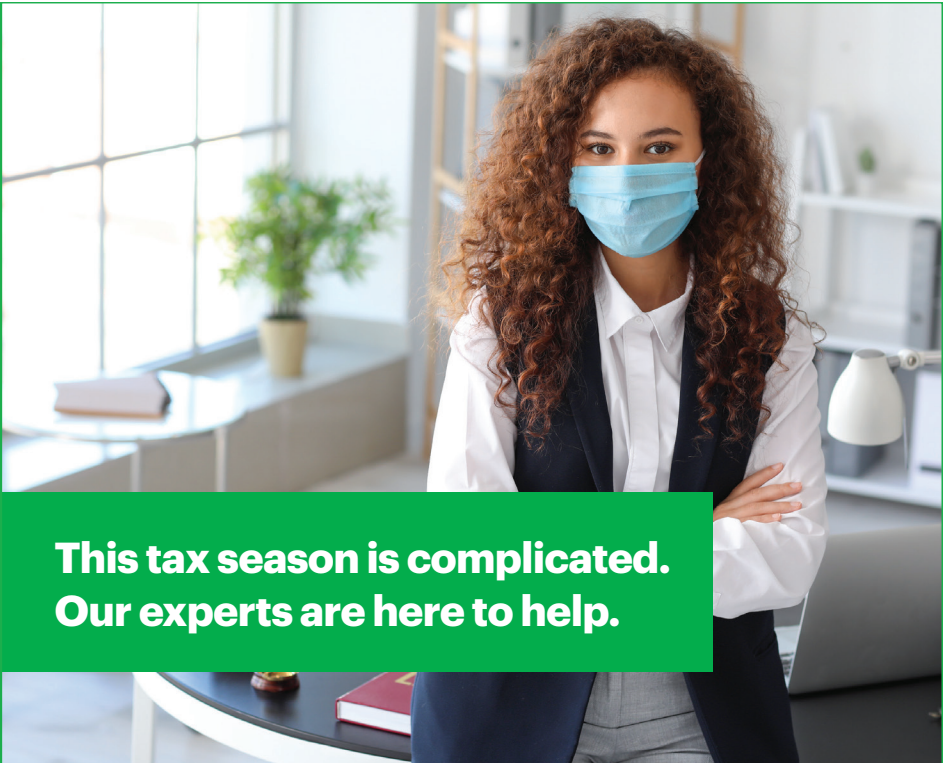
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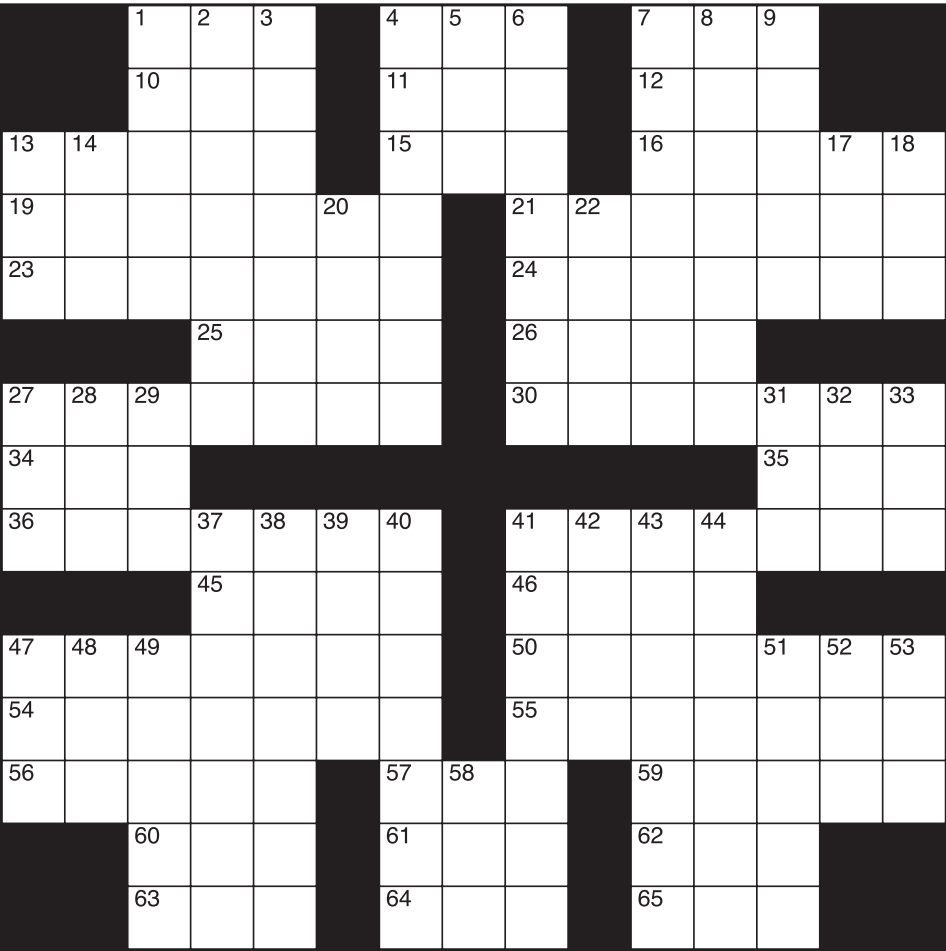
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 - 15. Tear apart
 - 16. Middle Easterner
 - 19. Eat to excess
 - 21. Stained
 - 23. Certain peoples of equatorial Africa
 - 24. 1st day of month
 - 25. Skin disease
 - 26. Skating figure
 - 27. Annelids
 - 30. Gracefully slender
 - 34. Kids need it
 - 35. Swiss river
 - 36. Indents
 - 41. A sheer fabric of silk or nylon
 - 45. Belgian River
 - 46. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
 - 47. Originate from
 - 50. Rugged mountain ranges
 - 54. Made less clean
 - 55. Professions
 - 56. 3s
 - 57. Scarf
 - 59. Yellow light
 - 60. Bird noise
 - 61. Opposite of start
 - 62. Bar bill
 - 63. Northeastern Mass. cape
 - 64. American rocker Snider
 - 65. Midway between northeast and east

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 - 8. Receptacles
 - 9. Retired Brewers great
 - 13. Month
 - 14. Happy New Year!
 - 17. Exclamation to convey truth
 - 18. Passports and licenses are two
 - 20. EbertOs partner Siskel
 - 22. Long skirt
 - 27. Part of company name
 - 28. Drugmaker ___ Lilly
 - 29. Electronic countermeasures
 - 31. Klutz
 - 32. Chinese statesman
 - 33. Stir with emotion
 - 37. Flat-bottomed boat
 - 38. Go-between
 - 39. This (Spanish)
 - 40. A plot of ground where seedlings are grown before transplanting
 - 41. Small waterfall
 - 42. Modern tech necessity (abbr.)
 - 43. Utter repeatedly
 - 44. One of the bravest
 - 47. Sun up in New York
 - 48. Space station
 - 49. Chilean seaport
 - 51. Hasidic spiritual leader
 - 52. They ___
 - 53. Soviet Socialist Republic
 - 58. Single unit

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Dysart et al approves community safety and well-being plan

STEPHEN PETRICK
Special to the Echo

Momentum is growing for Haliburton County's ambitious community well-being and safety plan, after Dysart et al council approved the project at a recent meeting.

County chief administrative officer Mike Rutter delivered a delegation to councillors at a virtual meeting on Feb. 8, after which they voted to support the plan, which is designed to address homelessness, poverty, mental health issues and health care access.

By voting to approve the plan, Dysart et al council has endorsed the idea of starting a seven-member advisory board that would discuss these issues.

That board would consist of five councillors plus one provincial appointee, and one community appointee. The plan and the advisory group would be administered by Haliburton County.

Minden Hills council also endorsed the plan at their meeting on Feb. 8. The plan has yet to come to Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East council tables, but their support will be needed to get it going.

The ultimate goal of the plan is to bring various different organizations in the county together so there's a co-ordinated effort to solve numerous social problems, such as a lack of housing and high poverty rates.

At the Feb. 8 meeting, Mayor Andrea Roberts explained that the province recently ordered municipalities to have community safety and well-being plans. But no one at Dysart et al council was complaining about that direction; there was clear excitement for the plan.

Councillor Larry Clarke praised the plan, saying that "a lot of these groups work in silos. It's apparent that issues such as housing or food security cross multiple areas of support and need."

He added that he feels it will be important for groups to co-ordinate their efforts, so work isn't duplicated.

Councillor John Smith also supported working on these issues and suggested more effort should be made to help service groups find a way to contribute to

social issues.

"If you can identify different ways for people to make a difference in this community, beyond simply writing a cheque, I think that would meet the power and potential of people to contribute so much," he said, offering advice to Rutter.

Haliburton County officials have been getting ready for this initiative for some time. Several months ago, Haliburton County hired StrategyCorp, a firm that offers strategic planning services for communities, to write a report and outline goals for the county.

The report was released in January and it contained a trove of statistics that showed the daunting challenges that lie ahead.

It said that the unemployment rate in the county has fluctuated around two points above the provincial average of 7.4 per cent, at 9.6 per cent. Also Haliburton County has a child poverty rate of 23 per cent and an overall poverty rate of 17.2 per cent.

The report also said that in 2019, 13.5 per cent of households in Haliburton County and Kawartha Lakes faced food access challenges. And, on education, the report noted that 16.1 per cent of county residents do not have a high school diploma. And the rate of those aged 25 to 64 with post-secondary education is 55.6 per cent, down from the provincial rate of 67 per cent.

The report also said that "housing stock is significantly low in the county" yet population is on the rise, as it grew 5.9 per cent between 2011 and 2016.

Earlier in the meeting, Rutter spoke about the importance of having this type of data available, as it previously wasn't conveniently available; StrategyCorp has to find it by gathering it from several different sources.

"We need to have better information to make better decisions," he said, adding that the county has budgeted to hire a co-ordinator who will maintain data and oversee the well-being plan.

He also said the plan will ultimately allow Haliburton County to address issues before they become problems.

"It really is about becoming more proactive in addressing these issues and less reactive," he said.

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Workshop for caregivers, offers support, sharing

DARREN LUM

Editor

Mickey Bonham said looking beyond the challenges of caring for a loved one is an important lesson she learned from her experience with her late-husband Glen, who lived a full life and loved Haliburton.

Married for 22 years, the Highlands resident was a caregiver to Glen for five years, which included two years of “major caregiving.”

This included numerous hospital visits, surgeries, with stays for weeks at a time for medical procedures in Peterborough. It was stressful for both in different ways. For her it was the mental gymnastics of handling issues alone, which used to be taken on together, and for him it was the guilt that comes with knowing your loved one is doing it alone.

At the start, the caregiving was related to a heart surgery and a recovery period of close to eight months. The demands increased a year later when Glen was diagnosed with cancer. Although he was physically capable for the most part, the caregiving took its toll in other ways, but without family in the county to help it was the support of friends, who could share their experience going through similar situations that truly helped Mickey through the adversity.

“So I had a couple of really good friends who were very helpful because I could ask them questions and they could let me know what their experience was and it might not have been exactly the same as mine, but it would be close enough that it was helpful,” she said. The perspective gained by sharing and being with others enables people to see a different way of looking at something, which can be optimistic, or even “more realistic.”

“If it’s just the two of you up here and you don’t have children up here they’re all in the city or wherever, you know, it is a very lonely kind of experience. It can be and if you don’t reach out to other people, like your friends, etc ... you find yourself really getting to be feeling alone all the time because there is so much that you have to tend to and look after by yourself. You’re used to doing everything as a couple,” she said.

This goes beyond the caregiving, which includes the stress associated with medical appointments, but can also include simple maintenance practices at the home, and related to the upkeep of the family vehicle.

An upcoming Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshop not only enables an opportunity for caregivers to come together for support, but it will also ensure caregivers do what they can for self-care said the Home and Community Care Support Services Central East’s senior manager Trish Topping.

“And that looks different for everybody, but helping people to navigate how do they take care of their own health based on their own health and their own needs. We’re really trying to keep people healthy, so that they’re able to continue on in their role and they’re not ending up in a role where they’re then needing care as well,” Topping said.

The workshop is a collaboration between the self-management program central east and the Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

Topping adds there’s a really high rate of depression and anxiety among car-

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I remember Glen feeling good about the fact that I had good friends that I could talk to ... And so if there was a support group or workshop going on that I was attending that would be the same thing.

— Mickey Bonham

egivers.

“So bringing in more of the activities that they want to do, bringing in more joy and just leading to an overall improved quality, quality of life,” she said.

This isn’t just beneficial for the caregiver, but provides help for those being cared for.

It’s been seven years since Mickey’s husband Glen died from cancer in 2015 and she remembers how her husband felt happier when he knew she had support.

“I remember Glen feeling good about the fact that I had good friends that I could talk to because he always felt so badly because he was putting me through all of this, right? And so if there was a support group or workshop going on that I was attending that would be the same thing. He would feel good and he would feel that that was something that was helping,” she said.

Pre-register for the free six-week workshop starting Feb. 24 by calling 1-866-971-5545. Held Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the series of workshops will be delivered online on the Zoom platform. The workshop requires the use of a computer, including a camera and audio setup to participate. Participants will learn about looking after oneself, using community resources, creating an action plan, share experiences and learn from others in the workshop, learn about managing caregiving stress, taking action: stress reducers, develop methods to be assertive and not aggressive, listening to emotions, dealing with depression, understand the transition process, planning for future goals and how to implement.

The perspective gained through a group met through a workshop is an aspect that Mickey would have appreciated had she been given the opportunity to participate in this workshop.

“When you’re going through this you’re so focused on what’s happening day-by-day, and all the appointments, all the travelling, all the medications, all the nurses coming and going here at the house that I think, possibly, it would have helped. If I had a group like that to go to it would have helped me to get beyond just that day-to-day struggle ... because there would have been people in the group that were at different stages and maybe you would see that there is a transition. But you get to be so focused on just what you have to do to get through each day. That I think being able to talk to someone in a structured way would [have been] helpful,” she said.



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NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- **DATE:** Wednesday, March 9th, 2022
- **TIME:** 11:00 am.
- **LOCATION:** The Committee of Adjustment will be held as an electronic meeting only. The meeting will be recorded through the conferencing application and live streamed to YouTube.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-2021-003- Gardens of Haliburton
 - The following variance is requested to decrease the number of parking spaces at a medium density dwelling to be used for retirement housing.
 - (a) A variance to the provisions of Section 5.4.15.8 to permit a lot in the R3-8 zone to have a minimum parking space requirement of 0.6 spaces per dwelling unit, as opposed to the minimum required 0.82 spaces per dwelling unit, granted by Minor Variance D13-MV-2018-011.
 - Location: Part Lots 16 and 17, Concession 8, Part Lots 1 and 7, Lots 2 and 8, Block 2, Plan 1, Part Lot 2, Lots 3 and 4, Block 6, Plan 1, Parts 1 to 3 and 7, Plan 19R-8809 in the Geographic Township of Dysart, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (Sunnyside Street).
2. D13-MV-2021-018- Walker
 - The following variance is requested to construct a single family dwelling with a decreased minimum water setback on a lot in the RS zone:
 - (a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a single family dwelling in the Suburban Residential (RS) zone to have a minimum water setback of 24 metres (78 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 30 metres (98.4 feet).
 - Location: Part Lot 4, Concession 6, Lot 5, Plan 557, in the geographic Township of Dysart, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (Wigamog Road).
3. D13-MV-2022-002- O'Neill
 - The following variances are requested to permit the construction of a private garage on a lot in the WR4 zone:
 - a) A variance to permit a private garage to have a minimum rear lot line setback of 3 metres (9.84) feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 7.5 metres (24.61 feet);
 - b) A variance to permit a private garage to have minimum street setback of 15 metres (49.21 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 17.5 metres (57.41 feet).
 - Location: Part Lot 26, Concession 12, Lot 63, Plan 510, in the geographic Township of Harcourt, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (Ann Road).
4. D13-MV-2022-003- Bowser
 - The following variances are requested to permit the construction of a private garage and legalize the location of an existing deck located on a lot in the WR4L zone:
 - (a) A variance to Section 3.1(d)(iii) to permit the gross floor area of a private cabin to be 55 square metres (592 square feet), which exceeds the permitted gross floor area of 45 square metres (484 square feet);
 - (b) A variance to Section 3.1(e)(ii) to permit the gross floor area of a second storey of an accessory building to be 55 square metres (592 square feet), which exceeds the permitted gross floor area of 45 square metres (484 square feet).
 - (c) A variance to Section 3.7(a) to permit a deck attached to a main building to extend 3.2 metres (10.5 feet), as opposed to the permitted 3 metres (9.84 feet);
 - Location: Part Lot 11, Concession 3, Lot 36, Plan 467, in the geographic Township of Havelock, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (Siesta Lane).
5. D13-MV-2021-025- Partridge
 - The following variances are requested to permit a two storey accessory building with an oversized private cabin on a property in the WR4L zone:
 - (a) A variance to Section 3.1(d)(iii) to permit the gross floor area of a private cabin to be 77 square metres (829 square feet), which exceeds the permitted gross floor area of 45 square metres (484 square feet); and
 - (b) A variance to Section 3.1(e)(ii) to permit the gross floor area of a second storey of an accessory building to be 77 square metres (829 square feet), which exceeds the permitted gross floor area of 45 square metres (484 square feet).
 - Location: Part Lot 23, Concession 5, Lot 18, Plan 595, in the geographic Township of Havelock, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (Prestige Ct.).

Council passed By-law 2020-69 to amends the Committee of Adjustment of the Municipality of Dysart et al's Procedural By-law to permit electronic participation in meetings. **There will not be an in-person meeting; this meeting will be conducted in an electronic format only.**

For more information about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Secretary-Treasurer at jiles@dysartetal.ca .

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by an agent for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept oral and written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, and electronic meeting process is available from the Planning and Land Information Department at the Municipal Office by appointment only (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Jeff Iles
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment

Poetic perspective from West Guilford

community news
west guilford
Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

Is there any news? The page remains blank. Nothing emerges to share with my dwindling public. I therefore delve into what was written sometime ago. It may ring a bell or strike a common note with someone.

As you may perceive, I'm still sorting out papers, pictures, yarn and needles. When it all come to an end I'll let you know.

Seasonal Song
*Will winter ever leave the land?
Will flowers never show?
Will blustering winds their howling cease
Over the hills of snow?*

*It seems so long since fall was here
Or summer blessed the earth
Will bitter days of cold desist
And laughing spring burst forth?*

*Yet heap the logs upon the hearth
Outside let winter pass
Within we'll light the fireplace
And raise a steaming glass.*

*Blessings upon new rising sun
In blessing the earth that turns!
Blessings abound for winter passed
As certain spring returns.*

Unorganized
*I'm not one of those who have organized ways.
When things get done I welcome praise.
Out of the jumble some treasure appeared
Which got lost in the mix and then disappeared.
Now is the day all free for myself.
Shall I put it to use all those things on the shelf?
The shelf? Oh, it's buried with all the dear tokens:
Pictures and pitchers, some of them broken.
Maybe I'll take it all down, bit by bit,
Then when it's sorted I'll just sit and knit.
Oh! Here comes a friend. I'll put on the tea,
Get out pretty china used only for me.
So much for discipline, so much discovered.
Now we'll relax with the things I've uncovered.*

Community arts workshops coming soon

The call has just gone out for Arts Council – Haliburton Highlands (ACHH) members working in the arts and crafts who have a passion for their medium, have developed their skills and would like to share that passion and skill in the form of a two and a half to three-hour community arts workshop.

The Arts Council and their hard-working Artist in the Schools and Community Committee is initiating a new project which will see up to 16 art workshops offered to community members of the Highlands to bring some light and learning to 2022.

"We see this as a community project that brings people together to learn a new skill and enjoy the much-missed opportunity to be out with others," committee member Chris Lynd said. The committee is planning for in-person workshops this spring (mid-March to May). The number of participants will be small and all existing COVID protocols will be adhered to.

The workshops will be for people interested in learn-


ing new techniques or just having fun with art and craft. The hope is to offer a range of workshops geared to everyone from other artists to hobbyists and novices and to include programs for all ages. The workshops will be presented in various locations across the county in order to reach as many people as possible.

This community building project has been made possible by generous donations from the Rotary Club of Haliburton, the Kennisis Lake Art on the Dock project and ACHH.

If you are an artist or a craftsperson who enjoys sharing your passion with others and would be interested in facilitating a community based workshop, the Artist in the Schools and Community Committee would love to hear from you.

For more information, please contact Lesley English or Chris Lynd at: commworkshopcoordinator@gmail.com or chrislynd51@gmail.com.

Submitted



Notice
(Applicant - Litchfuss)

In the matter of the *Municipal Act* and in the matter of a proposed By-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of the Original Shore Road Allowance along the shore of **Esson Lake**, more particularly hereinafter described.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 2022**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 21, Concession 17, Township of Monmouth, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on Plan of Survey 19R-10596 made by **Bishop Geyer Surveying Inc., completed June 24, 2021.**

The Plan of Survey 19R-10596 is available to you for inspection by making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.


The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or email the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

And Take Further Notice that if the public wishes to participate regarding the purchase of Shoreline Road Allowance please contact the Municipal Clerk.

Dated at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 15th day of February, 2022.

Robyn Rogers, Municipal Clerk
Box 295, 2249 Loop Road WILBERFORCE, ON
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Notice
(Applicant - HOWARD-CORRICK/CORRICK)

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NOTICE
2022 SPRING LOAD RESTRICTIONS

Under the Highway Traffic Act and County By-Law #2216, the County of Haliburton enforces reduced load restrictions on trucks to protect the County roadways during spring thaw, when road damage is most likely to occur.

Restriction on permits issued under the Highway Traffic Act and County By-Law #2216:

As outlined in the Highway Traffic Act and County of Haliburton By-Law #2216, reduced loading may be in effect in the County of Haliburton as early as 12:01 a.m. on March 1, 2022.

The actual date of reduced load limit enforcement will be in effect when and where signs are posted. All annual and project permits for moving of heavy vehicle loads, objects or structures, in excess of limits set out in the Act and the By-Law, unless otherwise specified, are not valid on any County Roads during the Reduced Loads Period.

Reduced load limits will be in effect where and when signs are posted.

WHEN SIGNS ARE POSTED, THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL HAVE A REDUCED LOAD LIMIT FOR THEIR ENTIRE LENGTH:

County Roads 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 39, 48, 507 & 648-with the exception from CR 10 west to HWY 118.

On and after **March 1st**, check the County of Haliburton website **www.haliburtoncounty.ca** under "Notices" to see when reduced load limits are in effect and when they are lifted.

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Keep eyes pealed, ears perked for finches

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Special to the Echo

For those interested in birds, 2022 has been a wonderful year so far for bird diversity. With excellent cone crops available locally on spruce, hemlock, and tamarack, many birds such as finches have reacted to the food abundance and irrupted into the region. We have been fortunate this winter to observe several species that don't normally visit our area, adding pleasure and a splash of colour to the snowy landscape. Let's meet a few of these feathered friends.

Pine grosbeak

This relatively large, robin-sized bird is a denizen of the northern boreal forest. It is only observed here in winter, and only in certain years when food is scarce in the north. Although they eat seeds and will readily come to feeders for black oil sunflower seeds, they primarily react to fruit crops, particularly relishing mountain ash berries. When mountain ash fails to produce a good crop across the north, these birds move south in search of food. This winter, pine grosbeaks are a regular sight in Haliburton County. They often come down onto sanded roads to gather grit to help digest their food. The males are a spectacular rose colour, and even the "dull" females are lovely with their orangey heads and rumps. Look for them locally in areas with good crabapple crops remaining on trees.

Evening grosbeak

This is another larger, spectacular finch with a massive, pale, conical-shaped bill. The males, with their bright yellow suits, and large white wing patches used to be a staple in the Haliburton region when I first moved here in the mid-80s, often visiting local feeders in large numbers. They are extremely gregarious and can be very noisy. When a large flock discovers your feeders, they can quickly drain a kilogram of seed, making them a bit of an expensive proposition! In the past few decades, however, these gorgeous birds have declined significantly in population, and are now federally tracked as a species of concern. They are known to benefit from spruce budworm outbreaks in the north and, again, move south to follow cone crops if the boreal region is lacking them. Look and listen for these birds around feeding stations and areas with excellent cone production.

White-winged crossbill

These somewhat strange birds are common in the county this winter. They are frequently observed on roads, collecting grit, and often heard flying overhead giving their harsh "chet-chet-chet" calls. The males are somewhat like smaller and shorter tailed versions of pine grosbeaks, showing a rosy-red plumage with black wings and tail, as well as two white stripes on their wings. The females are duller, streakier, and exhibit a yellow hue. As their name suggests, white-winged crossbills are superbly adapted to chasing cone crops, and are able to "shear" seeds from cones by using their remarkably designed bills (one mandible crossing over the other). In addition to this amazing feature, crossbills will breed at any time of year if food is abundant. They are one of only a few species that will court and nest in mid-winter, as long as there is an ample food supply. Visit any areas in the county with lots of spruce trees, and you are almost certain to see this species this winter.



Pine grosbeak /Photos by Ed Poropat

Red crossbill

This is the other crossbill that occurs in our region. Although it bears the same, distinctive crossed mandibles as its white-winged cousin, the male is brick red in coloration and lacks white markings on the wings (the female is again yellowish coloured). In Haliburton County, it seems to prefer white or red pine stands, as opposed to spruce, hemlock, and tamarack. This may be because this species has developed a heavier, stronger bill, capable of shearing seeds from larger cones. Relatively recent research suggests that there are at least 10 different "types" of red crossbills, showing different bill sizes and emitting slightly different call notes. These may, in fact, end up being different species, each adapted to cones of certain tree types. Red crossbills will also come to roadsides and pick grit to ease digestion. Look for them in areas where pines are abundant and producing cones.

Common redpoll

This diminutive finch is a winter visitor only in some years in Haliburton County. They are relatively common this winter, and can occasionally be observed swirling, tornado-like in massive flocks as they fly tree to tree in search of cones and seeds. Redpolls are arctic breeders and are known for their nomadic lifestyle. They, like many other finches, react to food abundance. When their preferred food (birch, willow, alder, weedy seeds) becomes scarce in the north, they push south. Redpolls are goldfinch-sized but are streaky, have a red cap, and a black mask and bib. They are regular visitors at feeding stations in some years, sometimes descending in hundreds to gorge on nyger seed. This winter, redpolls seem to be shunning feeders as there is abundant natural food in the region. Look and listen for them where tamarack, yellow birch, alder, or hemlock abound. They make a gentle "chit-chit-chit" call, like the resonating sound made by throwing pebbles on thin ice. They too often collect grit on roads, sometimes in enormous flocks, leading to high mortality.

Pine siskin

This is another small finch that has a tendency to wander across the continent, not only in a north-south direction, but also east-west. Last year, pine siskins were almost non-existent in the Haliburton area. This year, there are many flocks roaming the region. Their dark, streaky silhouettes are a regular sight on roads this winter. Like redpolls, pine siskins are small and feed primarily on birch and tamarack. They have a distinctive, rising "shreeeeee" call they often emit while feeding in large flocks. Although they look somewhat like tiny, streaky spar-



Common redpoll

rows, siskins have thinner bills and the males show a yellow wing stripe and tail base. They too can be regular visitors at nyger feeders. This winter has been interesting in that many of the flocks of finches have been multi-species. A single flock on a freshly sanded road can have crossbills, redpolls, siskins, and goldfinches intermixed.

American goldfinch

Most people recognize the tiny goldfinch immediately. Even in its drabber winter plumage, the goldfinch is still a lovely bird with its subtle shades of yellow, brown, and grey. After a moult in late-winter, the males dawn a spectacular bright yellow coat, earning them the name "wild canary." Goldfinches are one of our locally breeding species, and are

frequently observed during the summer around the county. They have a distinctive, undulating, roller-coaster type flight. Some years, the American goldfinch can be scarce during the winter months. This winter, they are abundant, forming large flocks and feeding in weedy fields, on birch and alder catkins, and on tamarack cones.

So, as you wander around the county this winter, whether driving to work, heading into town for errands, or enjoying a ski or hike, keep your eyes and ears open and look for some of our beautiful winter visitors. Please slow down if you see birds on the road, and take a few seconds to enjoy the amazing diversity of avian shapes and colours that abound this winter.



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Please forward your resume to shume@haliburtoncounty.ca no later than March 2, 2022.

We thank all who apply for this position; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Interested individuals are invited to email a detailed resume and cover letter in confidence to:

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Highlands high

Given how much snow there is, Sir Sam's Ski Area will be a busy place this March Break, which got off to an exciting start on Saturday with a snowboarding competition. Results are in this week's sports section.

121 proposal hopes to lure major retailers to Haliburton

SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

Haliburton village's newest proposed commercial development, a retail plaza on Highway 121 near Country Rose, is not going to be a box store like Walmart, but developer Philip Otis remained vague at a recent public meeting about what the approximately \$10-million development will be.

Even the amount is vague. Otis has submitted to council a draft of what a parking lot and a 64,000 square foot, three-unit building might look like, and could cost up to \$10 million to build, but he also made it clear that the development may be considerably smaller or consist of smaller units rather than three large ones.

Otis and his brother Brian are partners in Otis Group of

Companies based in Toronto. He says they have done developments in Barry, Huntsville, Bracebridge and are working on a large project in Gravenhurst. At a public meeting on March 3, he told a crowd of approximately 40 people packed into Dysart's council chambers that Otis Group has won design awards for their efforts to create buildings that fit "seamlessly" into the surrounding town. In this case the nine and half acres the Otis Group plans on purchasing, conditional to the approval of rezoning from residential to commercial, is in an established residential area across from Grass Lake.

He says that creating retail/commercial space along 121 will not hurt the downtown as some people at the meeting suggested

See **Developer** page 6

Echo editor among local Jubilee Medal recipients

SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

The blush went to the roots of her hair as Martha Perkins, managing editor of the Haliburton County Echo and the Minden Times, accepted a Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal from MPP Chris Hodgson.

Only 46,000 medals have been awarded to Canadians in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's reign. The medals are given to those who make significant contribu-






tions to their community, volunteer tirelessly or have honourably represented Canada.

In a ceremony in Lindsay last month, four individuals from Haliburton County received the medal: Hilda Clark, Perkins, Margaret Risk and Len Salvatori.


Last year, Perkins edited stories about locals receiving the medal and yet, when it came her turn to sit quietly with her hands in her lap instead of


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IRONDALE RIVER \$695,000



Indulge in peace and serenity with this stunning extensively renovated, open concept four season riverfront dream home or cottage getaway. Vaulted ceilings, windows with a view and white-washed pine walls, this welcoming space is filled with natural sunlight. Incredible sunset views lead to cozy evenings entertaining in the new gourmet kitchen or unwinding with a view in the soaker tub. There is plenty of room to accommodate guests with the den in use as a 3rd bedroom. Walkout to the deck and multiple seating areas will greet you with plenty of privacy and beautiful landscaping on this well treed lot.

UNICORN ROAD \$549,000



Your opportunity for a secluded, peaceful off grid Haliburton retreat is here! This 237 acres is the perfect destination to enjoy nature's natural beauty. Fantastic trails throughout the property. Nestled amongst the trees with a tranquil view of one of the many ponds, is a cute 22 x 22 cabin. The wood finishings throughout creates a warm and cozy feeling. Settle in and warm up in front of the wood burning stove. 24 x 24 detached garage is the ideal building to store all of your year round toys. Quick access to amenities in Haliburton Village and cell service throughout the property keeps you in the loop while enjoying your escape from the hustle and bustle.

KAWAGAMA LAKE \$279,000



Stunning south views across the lake. This property has a fantastic shoreline of mixed sand/gravel gradual entry to the water. Hydro is at the lot line and there is good cell service. This is easily accessible from either marina on the lake. Enjoy this affordable lot in the summer while you make your plans for your new cottage. Great fishing year-round and fantastic snowmobiling in the winter.



NEW LISTING

BEECH RIVER \$1,190,000

Enjoy the tranquility of Beech river for swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking. Or take a minute to boat ride into Big Boshkung Lake, a 3 lake chain comprised of Big Boshkung, Little Boshkung and Twelve Mile Lake in Algonquin Highlands. This is a beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath with rough in for 3rd bathroom in the basement. 2540 sq ft finished and 1425 sq ft partially finished walkout basement. This home was built in 2017 with wood siding and energy efficient ICF foundation. This could be your year round home or cottage located in a fabulous area of fine homes and 175ft of waterfront. Open concept main floor with soaring cathedral ceilings in living room with expansive views and gorgeous 2 sided propane fireplace (waiting for your finishing touches on the fireplace). Large kitchen with room for all to join in. Dining area with 2 walk outs to a large deck. From the living room enter a lovely sitting room with another walk out to deck. Main floor bedroom with double closets and a full bathroom in the foyer complete this floor. Upstairs you will find 2 very large bedrooms with Juliette balconies, full bathroom and cozy loft family room with 2nd propane fireplace overlooking the living room with views to the waterfront. The partially finished basement has 2 walkouts and woodstove. Perfect to create your own "staycation". Fully enclosed with glass, the hot tub room has a 6-8 person hot tub (never used), with rough in for wet bar. Add a projection screen and pool table and you are set! In floor heating on all 3 floors, and on demand hot water. Take a stroll down to the waterfront where you will find a lovely sitting deck in the shade on the shoreline, or sit in the full sun on the dock. This home requires some finishings to complete for final occupancy and is being sold "as is where is" condition.



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